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1. Besides the SNB Hq with its agencies in all Czechoslovakia, the PRAGUE SNB Unit No. 9600 was subordinate to the Department "BP 4" of the Ministry of the Interior, it was learned in early September 1949.
2. The Hq of Unit No. 9600 was located at the Ministry of the Interior. The present CO of this unit, to which SNB units totaling about 4,500 men were assigned, was unknown. The previous CO had been General ZANDA. *
3. The following units were subordinate to Unit No. 9600:
 - a. Units of three companies strength in PRAGUE-VRSOVICE **
 - b. SNB border guard battalions
 - c. SNB special battalions.

The previous SNB regiments in Czechoslovakia had been reorganized into battalions.

The SNB border guard battalions had four-digit Utvar numbers. Their missions resembled that of the former border guard troops. SNB border guard battalions were known to be stationed in the following towns:

KARLOVY VARY (N 51/P 69): About 350 men; controlling the border area from POTUCKY (BREITENBACH N 51/K 51) as far as TRI SEKRY (DREIHACKEN N 50/P 56). The battalion has been equipped with seven Skoda tanks for three-man crews for about half a year.

PILSEN (N 50/L 04): About 500 men; controlling the border area from PROUNOV (PROBLENHOF N 50/P 55) as far as PRASILY (STUBENBACH N 50/Q 17).

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C. BUDEJOVICE (O 49/4 96): Unknown strength; controlling the border area from SRNI (REHBERG N 50/4 16) as far as KYSELOV (SARAU N 49/4 62).

5. The SNB special battalions had no Utvar numbers, only surnames. The following special battalions were known in early September 1949:

SNB Battalion "Jerab" in JACHYMOV (N 51/K 60).

SNB Battalion in PRAGUE-MALA STRANA, which was to protect prominent personalities and guard important buildings ***.

6. The following personalities of the SNB were known:

PAVEL: Communist member of parliament, assigned to the Ministry of the Interior, exercises great influence on SNB matters.

Jindrich VESELY: Adviser, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, believed to be chief of the SNB Intelligence Service.

Lt Col HOFMANN: Assigned to the President's Office, accompanied GOTTWALD on his trips.

Maj Vlastinil DUDA: Assigned to Unit No 9600 (appointment unknown).

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Comment:

* Reported strength appears too low.

** Presumably the special SNB units "Lipa, Javor and Hrad".

*** The special SNB unit "Kladivo" was previously reported to be stationed in JACHYMOV. It is believed that the unit changed only its surname since 1st Lt HROMADKO, previously identified as CO of the "Kladivo" unit, was also reported to be CO of the "Jerab" unit.Ø

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